

Board of Psychology

Board Meeting
June 14, 2019
Woolfolk Annex Building, Room 204
Jackson, Mississippi

Board Attendance

Present Absent

Molly Clark, Ph.D., Continuing Education Coordinator	2018- 2023	x	
Steve Ellis, Ph.D., Chair & Civil Commitment Coordinator	2016-2021	x	
Natalie Gaughf, Ph.D., Credentialing Coordinator	2016-2021	x	
Monica Sutton, Ph.D., Treasurer	2017-2022	x	
Lynwood Wheeler, Ph.D., Recording Secretary	2018-2023	x	
Lisa Yazdani, Ph.D., Executive Secretary	2014-2019	x	

Also Present

Onetta Whitley, Esq. Deputy Attorney General
Cheryl Carr, Board Administrator
Anna Moak, Senior Counsel, Executive Division, Mississippi Secretary of State
Jim Herzog, Ph.D., Department of Mental Health Board

Oral Examinations:

The oral examinations of 4 candidates were conducted. The exam committees were Dr's Wheeler, Clark, and Foster and Dr's Gaughf, Sutton, and Ellis.

Call to Order:

Dr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 11:10.

Board Administrator Report:

Ms. Carr introduced Anna Moak , Senior Counsel, Mississippi Secretary of State. Ms. Moak stated that the Autism Board would be contacting Behavioral Analysts regarding the upcoming transition of the Autism Board falling under the Psychology Board. Ms. Moak reported that there are currently 70 licensed Behavioral Analysts and 2 Assistant Behavioral Analysts. The Autism Board averages 6 to 7 oral exams at each meeting, and they average 3 to 4 meetings a year.

There was discussion regarding the Autism Board members maintaining their email addresses to avoid confusion. Drs. Ellis and Gaughf expressed concern regarding a lack of clarity of the Autism Board member's responsibilities and suggested the Autism Board consider a structure similar to the Psychology Board. The Psychology Board is a working board, with each member of the board handling various responsibilities, such as credentialing and continuing education. There was also discussion of the need to hire more administrative help and the need for Autism Board to take responsibility for this. Concerns were also voiced with regard to dues that are paid by psychologists to renew licensure going toward the funding of administrative work for the Autism Board. Dr. Sutton discussed that the Autism Board only has spending authority for \$6000 but there is \$16,000 available. D. Ellis and Ms. Carr, and possibly some other members of the Board of Psychology, will be meeting with members of the Autism Board at the Secretary of State's office this Monday, June 17th.

Ms. Whitley concurred with the suggestion that the Autism Board consider a structure similar to the Psychology Board and develop a working board. She also felt that there needs to be a meeting to clarify the responsibilities of the two boards. She discussed how the Autism Board's services can only go as far as the money they have and that the Board of Psychology cannot absorb the cost of administration of their board. Ms. Carr pointed out the concern that there will not be enough time to handle the needs of both boards. It was discussed that when a part time clerical person is hired this individual will keep a time and activity report, and time spent working for the Autism Board will be billed to that account. It was also discussed that the Autism Board cannot delegate discretionary duties such as if an applicant is qualified for licensure. The Autism Board will also need to have a contract with ProsoniTech separate from the Board of Psychology's contract. There needs to be coordination of the boards, with a representative of the Autism Board attending Board of Psychology meetings to request expenditures.

Meeting with Jim Herzog, Ph.D. – Civil Commitment Training

Dr. Herzog presented pertaining to Senate Bill 2328. This bill deals with the training of psychiatrists and psychologists to perform forensic mental health exams. It also deals with simplifying the process and forms used. Some of the changes mentioned were that A&D commitments would be similar to mental health, as well as the location of where the individual could be committed to. The Board of Mental Health has concerns regarding competency of examiners and the opening of certification to other professionals. The Board of Mental Health would like the Board of Psychology to consider providing training to providers such as Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants. The training may be provided by a psychologist on the board or another interested psychologist who has received the appropriate training.

Continuation of Board Administrator Report:

Ms. Carr contacted Amy Wilson with MPA and was told that MPA is not interested in the tote bags with the Board's insignia that were left over from last year's MPA convention if there is not enough for each attendee. Thus, the Board will not provide bags this year.

The 2020 ASPPB Spring Meeting will be in Montreal, Quebec.

LexisNexis requested a list of Psychologists, and it was discussed that sending the active list of licensed psychologists would be appropriate.

Last year there were 434 license renewals, and to this point 259 have renewed for this year.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Ellis called for amendments to the agenda Dr. Guaghf motioned, seconded by Dr. Sutton, to approve the minutes with noted corrections of the 5/10/19 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Treasurer Report:

Dr. Sutton presented the financial statement to the board. Most of the budget is spent in contractual services. Dr. Sutton spoke with Tina Carter with DFA who felt that some money could be made up in commodities, equipment, and travel with a budget modification as we explore hiring another administrative individual.

Dr. Sutton presented the 5-year strategic plan due July 15th. The board worked on revisions to this plan.

Continuing Education Coordinator Report:

Dr. Clark reported that Dr. James Chaney is legally blind and cannot complete his CE's. He is having surgery in the near future. Dr. Yazdani moved that his CE deadline be moved to whatever the CE coordinator decides after speaking with him. Dr. Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote. Addendum - Dr. Clark contacted Dr. Chaney on Monday, June 17th, and it was agreed that his CE deadline be moved to December and he will pay his renewal fee. This decision will be reevaluated in December based on Dr. Chaney's health and if he has had sufficient time to complete the CE requirements.

The Monroe County Children's Vision Center requested 2 hours of CE credit for psychologists for a program being presented. A motion to not approve this was made by Dr. Wheeler, seconded by Dr. Yazdani. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Clark reported on the list of Board approved CE providers. It was discussed posting this list on the Board website. Also, Dr. Clark will also explore putting the application for becoming a Board approved CE provider on the website if the cost is less than \$3000. This was moved by Dr. Gaughf, seconded by Dr. Yazdani. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Civil Commitment Coordinator Report:

Dr. Ellis reports that he has spoken with MPA and civil commitment training will be available at the MPA convention.

Chair Report:

Dr. Ellis reported that ASPPB will not accept new applications for the stand alone IPC for temporary in-person practice as of June 30, 2019, and will sunset the stand alone IPC on June 1, 2020. The ASPPB is moving toward the PSYPACT E. Passport for tele-psychology and new a IPC for in-person practice. Dr. Ellis will write to ASBBP regarding the status of IPC in Mississippi.

Executive Session:

Dr. Yazdani made the motion to enter into closed determination session to consider the need to enter into executive session. Dr. Clark seconded the motion to consider the need to enter into executive session enter into executive session. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Clark moved to consider going into executive session to discuss applications and complaints. Dr. Yazdani seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss applications and complaints. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Actions taken during Executive Session:

Dr. Yazdani reported that following actions took place during Executive Session:

Follow up on Prior complaints:

Dr. Yazdani followed up on case (01092019) and reported that the Attorney General's office will be working with our deputy Attorney General to finalize the letter.

Candidate Status/Status of Applications/Complaints:

Dr. Gaughf recommended two applications for Temporary Practice Certificates made by (05202019) and (06102019) be ratified. Dr. Clark motioned and Dr. Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf recommended (10302018) to sit for the Oral Examination and Jurisprudence Examination to be administered on August 16th. Dr. Clark motioned and it was seconded by Dr. Yazdani. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf presented four candidates who passed the Oral Examination for licensure: Matthew Morris (02292019), John Smith (12102018), Laura Brodie (11122018), and James Broussard (07022018). Dr. Yazdani moved that these candidates be accepted for licensure, Dr. Clark seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf presented an application for licensure. The individual's program was not APA approved and therefore, the applicant was not eligible for licensure under the current Mississippi statutes.

Dr. Gaughf presented the application of an individual who had a past felony and who inquired about application for licensure. This individual was not eligible for licensure under the current Mississippi statutes.

Dr. Gaughf reported that case 01092019 accepted the findings of the board.

Dr. Wheeler moved to consider going into open session. Dr. Gaughf seconded the motion to consider going into open session. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

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Review and Update of Rules and Regulations:

The Board worked on updating the Rules and Regulations and edited them through Chapter 6 to make them consistent with the current MS Statues.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Dr. Ellis reported that officers have to be elected for the coming year. It was agreed to stay with the same slate of officers until new board members are appointed. This was moved by Dr. Wheeler, seconded by Dr. Clark. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf verified for an individual that the information on the website is directly from the board and thus can be considered "primary source."

Adjourn:

Dr. Clark motioned, seconded by Dr. Sutton adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Lynwood C. Wheeler, Ph.D., ABPP
Recording Secretary

Date